# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HOME AFFAIRS
# LOK SABHA

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SECURITY ARRANGEMENT AT RELIGIOUS PLACES
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the terrorists had planned an attack on Vaishno Devi shrine in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has reviewed the security arrangement of various religious places;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether communication network of security forces deployed for the safety of all the religious places is working satisfactorily;

(f) if so, the details of religious places on which the security forces received prior information that they might be targeted by terrorists during the last six months; and

(g) the additional arrangements made by the Government for the safety and security of all the religious places and public places?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) (c) & (d): Certain militant/terrorist groups have designs to attack major temples in the country.

(e) (f) & (g): The security arrangements of various religious places concern law and order which is a State subject. However, the threat inputs being received from Central security agencies are being regularly shared with the State Governments concerned for suitably strengthening the security of the religious complexes.